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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Notice of Action dated July 1, 2004.

In the Claims:

Claims 1 to 13 stand of record in the case.

Claims 1-8, 12 and 13 stand rejected.

Claims 9-11 are objected to.

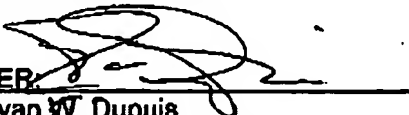
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New independent Claim 18 and the claims dependent therefrom include all of the same limitations of Claim 1 and previously submitted Claim 9 but in the form of a method claim including the further limitations of attaching the clamping members of the uprights onto a conventional size wooden construction beam. New Claim 18 is therefore also narrower in scope than the currently amended Claim 1 and accordingly should also be in condition for allowance.

Early and favourable reconsideration of this application is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted

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